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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: KENTARO YOKOI Confirmation Number: 5242

Application No.: 10/716,537 Group Art Unit: 2624

Filed: November 20, 2003 Examiner: Akhavannik, Hadi

Title: INDIVIDUAL RECOGNIZING APPARATUS AND INDIVIDUAL RECOGNIZING METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement dated April 4, 2007, 2007, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has set forth an Election of Species Requirement as follows:

I. Species of Figure 2, which are directed towards recognizing an individual by calculating the change in the feature points. Claims 1-5 and 10-14 are directed to this species; and

II. Species of Figure 11, which are directed towards recognizing an individual based on the eigenvalue contribution rate. Claims 6-9 and 15-18 are directed to this species.

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ELECTION

In order to comply with the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, Species of Figure 2, upon which claims 1-5 and 10-14 are readable, for prosecution in the present application. Applicant reserve the right to file a Divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date, if so desired.

This requirement for election of species is made with traverse.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or believe that prosecution on the merits can be expedited through a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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